

Annual Report
OF THE
Town Officers
TO THE CITIZENS OF
STARK, ~ ~ N. H.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
February 15,
1897.



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Report of Selectmen.

Resident valuation	\$143,016 00
Non resident "	35,410 00
	\$178,426 00

VALUATION.

	No.	Value.
Whole number polls	186	\$18,600 00
Special tax " "	6	600 00
Horses	234	10,404 00
Oxen	13	410 00
Cows	202	4,242 00
Sheep	301	726 00
Other neat stock	1	16 00
Hogs	3	30 00
		\$35,028 00

Carriages	2	\$ 176 00
Value of stock in banks or other corporations		400 00
Money on deposit		4,502 00
Value of stock in trade		31,500 00
Mills and machinery		8,450 00
		\$45,028 00

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax	\$ 580 00
County tax	822 11
School " per statute	580 00
Current expenses	1,500 00
Highways and bridges	644 70
Town library	50 00
Added in assessing	207 18
Special tax	10 20
	\$4,394 19

Tax on \$100, \$1 70

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury	\$ 72 60
Coos county pauper bill	345 57
State treas bounty on wild animals and hawks	18 75
Railroad tax	166 81
Savings bank tax	285 51
Literary fund	95 90
Willis Tucker	4 34
M J McWain for cemetery lot	5 00
A A Abbott "	6 00
N L Cole "	5 00
Henry Spreadbury "	8 00
Effie " "	6 00
For fines in liquor, beer and disorderly houses	127 96
C A Cole collector redemption land sold for taxes	14 76
For use of town hall	3 00
Ellsworth Wambolt for cemetery lot	6 00
O W Bryant for dog licenses	55 00
T D Blake collector for 1896 tax	4,344 58
" " " " interest	5 59
J W Hickey " for 1895 tax	1,138 25
C A Cole " " 1892-3-4	123 40
	\$6,838 02

CURRENT EXPENSES PAID BY ORDER.

Seth Cole selectman	\$ 65 00
Wm F Smith "	11 00
W T Pike "	46 50
A G McNeill "	6 00
O W Bryant town clerk	20 00
R R Cole " treasurer	30 00
S P Farwell librarian	10 00
W T Pike "	10 00
O W Bryant member of school board	40 00
Frances L Cole " "	15 00
Harry W Stone " "	5 00
H E Cole constable collecting dog licenses	6 50

J W Hickey collector 1895 for collecting \$1,138-25 at .01 1-4 per cent	\$ 14 20
C A Cole collector for collecting \$123 40 at .01 1-4 per cent	3 08
T D Blake collector for collecting \$4,320 76 at .01 1-4 per cent	54 00
A M Soule auditor for 1895	2 00
“ “ supervisor	6 00
A A Potter “	8 00
R R Cole “	6 00
D R Cole driving hearse	18 00
O W Bryant recording births and deaths	11 20
School money paid to school board	910 00
Money expended by Jackson & ~~Montgomery~~ ^{Potter} and selectmen	1,051 66
A A Abbott on town note	100 00
“ int “	1 06
Freeman Miles estate town note	1,000 00
“ “ int “	35 00
Lavina M Potter interest on note	8 00
Rosina Holbrook est “ “	12 00
Nehemiah Cole “ “	17 00
Eldon S Cole “ “	22 50
Emeline Stilson “ “	22 48
John V Miles “ “	48 00
Repairing and tarring roof of town hall and hearse house	18 79
Blank books, stationery, envelopes and postage	7 63
County pauper bill	330 71
State tax	580 00
County tax	822 11
Balance county tax for 1895	133 15
School books and supplies	116 70
Land bid in by town for taxes	233 67
Expense suppressing liquor, beer and disorderly houses	109 24
Bounty on wild animals and hawks	16 75
Expense on cemeteries	5 75

Insurance on school houses	\$ 16 50
Town report for 1895	12 00
Breechings for hearse harness	6 00
A A Potter wood for town hall	2 25
Chamberlin & Rich bringing suit on the Western Lumber Co and term fees on same	24 96
A R Evans counsel fees for taxing Phillips Brook Imp Co	3 00
Ladd & Fletcher counsel to James Montgomery in 1895	2 00
Ladd & Fletcher counsel to W T Pike about Stark bridge in 1895	2 00
Ladd & Fletcher term fees on Plaisted injunction for two years	16 00
Ladd & Fletcher retaining fees for two years	20 00
James M Dodge crossing land winter 1895-6	3 00
Orders not specified	9 84
Abatements on taxes for use of water tubs:	
Andrew Jackson	3 00
Fanny S Smith	3 00
A A Potter	2 00
John Roberts	2 00
T D Blake collector 1896 abatement on taxes	26 64
J W Hickey " 1895 " "	21 33
C A Cole " 1892-3-4 " "	42 88
C C O'Brion attendance and quarantine at C R Rich's place in the diphtheria case June 1895	15 00
Cash in treasury Feb 15 1897	614 94
	\$6,838 02

DEBTS.

Eldon S Cole	\$ 500 00
John V Miles	1,000 00
" "	200 00
Nehemiah Cole	200 00
" "	200 00
Emeline Stilson	562 00
Lavina M Potter	200 00

Rosina Holbrook estate	\$ 300 00
School money in town treasury	26 16
Town library unexpended	85 92
	\$3,274 08

ASSETS.

Benjamin Thompson estate	\$212 90	
John Roberts note	114 14	
G M Smith "	45 34	
" " old tax list	9 94	
" " " " 1887-8	27 20	
C A Cole " " 1892-3-4	80 82	
J W Hickey " " 1895	115 29	
T D Blake " " 1896	49 61	
Coos county bill	55 96	
C A Cole col 1894 due on land sold for taxes bid		
by town:		
Henry Houghton place	\$ 6 08	
J W Perkins "	24 70	
John Emery "	12 64	
Dennis Howes "	24 99	
Irving Newell "	4 22	
		72 63
C A Cole by deeds for 1890 tax:		
J W Perkins place	29 62	
Henry Houghton place for 1891	6 99	
J W Perkins " " 1892	5 65	
" " " " "	38 67	
Henry Houghton " " 1893	2 07	
" " " " "	5 25	
		88 29
J W Hickey col 1895 non resident land sold for		
taxes bid by town		27 30
J W Hickey col 1895 resident land sold:		
John Emery place	14 59	
G R Howes "	8 50	
C S Page "	12 24	
J W Perkins "	33 71	
		69 04

T D Blake col 1896 non resident land sold for
taxes bid by town \$ 51 33

T D Blake col 1896 resident land sold:

H C Twitchell place	4 72	
J W Perkins "	10 78	
Horace Potter "	12 51	
C S Page "	8 18	
John Montgomery "	3 84	
Dennis Howes "	14 25	
G R Howes "	4 72	
Henry Houghton "	5 58	
Rollin Harriman "	3 84	
John Emery "	9 05	
Olive Lunn "	8 53	
		86 00
C H Greenleaf cemetery lot		5 00
C D Abbott "		2 00
J M Dodge "		6 00
Charles Taylor "		3 00
Cash in treasury		614 94
		<u>\$1,736 73</u>

Total liabilities Feb 15, 1897	\$3,274 08	
" assets " "	1,736 73	
Total debt " "		<u>\$1,537 35</u>

Decreased debt for the year \$795 91.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH COLE,	} Selectmen of Stark.
A. G. McNEILL,	
W. T. PIKE,	

I have examined above accounts and find them correct.

F. L. BLAKE, Auditor.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury	\$ 72 60	
Selectmen	1,153 60	
T D Blake collector principal	4,344 58	
“ “ interest	5 59	
J W Hickey collector	1,138 25	
C A Cole “	123 40	
		\$6,838 02

PAYMENTS.

State tax	\$ 580 00	
County tax	822 11	
“ “ balance for 1895	133 15	
School money	910 00	
Highway	1,051 66	
Salary of school board	60 00	
School books and supplies	116 70	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,549 46	
Total payments		\$6,223 08
Cash in treasury Feb 15, 1897		614 94
		\$6,838 02

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD R. COLE, Treasurer.

Have examined treasurer's report and find it correctly cast.

F. L. BLAKE, Auditor.

School Report.

SPRING TERM.

District	Teachers	Weeks	Salary
Graded	Minnie F Ordway	10	\$60 00
Plain	Florence Fiske	4	18 40
"	Agnes Thompson	6	24 00
Percy	Nellie P Bryant	10	68 00
No 2	Bertha O Kimball	10	40 00
" 4	Josie H Morgan	2 3-5	13 00
" 4	Electa M Pike	5	25 00
Crystal	Daisy M Elliott	10	40 00

FALL TERM.

Graded	Minnie F Ordway	10	60 00
Plain	Gertrude P Crawford	10	50 00
Percy	Nellie P Bryant	10	68 00
No 2	Bertha O Kimball	10	40 00
" 4	Nellie M Forbes	11	55 00
Crystal	Daisy M Elliott	10	40 00

Total for teachers	\$601 40
For board	238 00
Cleaning school-houses and janitor's bill	13 50
Wood	15 50
Repairs	16 53
Carrying scholars at Crystal	10 00
Error in settling with Rose Harvey in 1895	5 00
Miscellaneous	24 11
Cash in hand	8 30
	\$932 34

RECEIPTS.

Town treasurer	\$910 00
School treasurer for 1895	22 34
	\$932 34
School money in town treasury	26 16

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES L. COLE, Treasurer School Board.

Have examined the above accounts and find them correct.

JENNIE E. VEAZIE, Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Feb 7	Exania Tourcotte	F	All Living	2	All White	Isisah Paquins	Mary Leblune	Stark		St Sylvester Ca	Canada		
Mar 14	Eugene Crotteau	F		3		Samuel Oaks	Rachel Dowd	"		Canada	North Stratford		
Apr 7	John Hickey	M		5		Alfred Hart	Annie R Paquins	"		Canada	Canada		
May 21	Henry Spreadbury	F		1		Joseph Lunu	Melvina Aubin	"		Old Town Me	Milton Me		
June 4	James Montgomery	M		3		Leah P Abbott	Jennie Sessions	"		Bangor Me	Worcester Mass		
July 18	Harry W Stone	F		8		Barker B Leighton	Mabel Gilbert	"		Lancaster	N S		
Sept 5	George Byes	M		1		George Byes	Ester Thomson	"		Northumberland	Stark		
Oct 11		F		4			Susan Cole	"		Lila P Q	"		
Nov 13		F		1			Mamette Cole	"		Stark	"		
Dec 12		M		2			Ida M McMaster	"		Dummer	Montreal Ca		
Dec 14		F		6			Florence Jackson	"		St Johns N B	Stark		
							Caroline Best	"		St Johns N B	St Johns N B		

VITAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Mar'ge.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of the Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Name of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	No. of Marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 16		E T Stuppleford				Cook	Maine	Thomas Stuppleford			Rev O W Bryant
Aug 13		Ella M Maxwell				Housewife	N S	Wm Cumberland			Rev O W Bryant
Sept 22		Thomas Thomson	Groveton Stark			Carpenter	Groveton	Wm Thomson			Rev I C Brown
Nov 26		Jennetta E Henson				Housemaid	Bethel Me	John Henson			Groveton
Dec 30		L Kimball				Laborer	Stark	Thomas G Kimball			Rev J Desmond
		Elizabeth Maxwell	Stark			Housemaid	Canada	Wm Maxwell			Rev I C Brown
		Hugh Tolch	St Johns N B			Mill Overseer		John Tolch			N Stratford
		Ellen O Kelly	Stark			Housemaid		John O Kelly			Rev I C Brown
		A. A. Abbott	Stark			Laborer	Stark	Leah G Abbott			Groveton
		Mary A Bundy	Groveton			Housemaid	Columbia	A Bundy			M A Ferrin J P
		Sherman Carter				Laborer	N S	Matthew Carter			Plymouth
		Daisy M Ellough	Stark			Teacher	Stark	E R Forbush			

VITAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Date of Death	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Condition.	Occupation.	Disease. or Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Years.	Months.	Days.								
Mar 24		Lucy D Cole	69	9	24	St ark	F	W	Housewife	Apoplexy	Asa Stone	Lucy Bams	
May 18		Alfred Abbott	30			"	F	All White	Housewife	Hepatitis	Ezekel McGowan	Pauline Cole	
June 29		Vergine Spreadby	11			"	F			Atitcrases	Henry Spreadby	Ester Thomson	
July 1		Jessie Montgomery	4	3	22	"	F			Congestion of Lungs	Joseph M ontgomery	Emery	
Aug 22		Rosanna Roberts	76	8	7	"	F	D		Fr'ct're of Th'h & Old A'e	Edmund Cole	Judith Rowell	
Aug 23		Joseph Croteau	30			St Sylvester Ca	M	S		Phthisis	Joseph Croteau	Rose Fellane	
Oct 29		Lucinda Cole	93	5	3	Killenney Ct	F	W		Cancer	Daniel Holbrook	Alice Brown	
Oct 30		Weeden Cole	96			Stark	M	W		Old Age	Clifford Cole	Jane Rowell	
Dec 25		Freeman Miles	59			"	M	S	Farmer	Asthemina	Daniel Miles	L Rowell	

I hereby certify the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. W. BRYANT, Town Clerk.

